

11. Madrona Marsh Preserve: B, C, D, E, F			
Criteria Letter	Criteria Description	Criteria Met	Reason SEA meets Criteria
A	The habitat of core populations of endangered or threatened plant or animal species.	No	Not met, although the Madrona Marsh does contain vernal pools which may harbor threatened and endangered species in a location unique for the County.
B	On a regional basis, biotic communities, vegetative associations, and habitat of plant or animal species that are either unique or are restricted in distribution.	Yes	Madrona Marsh is one of two remaining wetlands with freshwater marsh in Los Angeles County. (The other is the Harbor Lake Regional Park.) This type of habitat once covered the South Bay area, and supports several species of amphibians and vernal pools that are becoming rare throughout Southern California.
C	Within Los Angeles County, biotic communities, vegetative associations, and habitat of plant or animal species that are either unique or are restricted in distribution.	Yes	Madrona Marsh is one of two remaining wetlands with freshwater marsh in Los Angeles County. This type of habitat once covered the South Bay area, and supports several species of amphibians including frogs and toads that are becoming rare throughout Southern California. In addition it has some vernal pools which are very rare in Los Angeles County.
D	Habitat that at some point in the life cycle of a species or group of species, serves as concentrated breeding, feeding, resting, migrating grounds and is limited in availability either regionally or in Los Angeles County.	Yes	Any natural wetland like the Madrona Marsh is an important area for amphibians, which need water for their aquatic larvae to complete their life cycle. The Marsh is very important for migratory birds as a waypoint during the spring and fall migration periods.
E	Biotic resources that are of scientific interest because they are either an extreme in physical/geographical limitations, or represent unusual variation in a population or community.	Yes	Because the Madrona Marsh is one of only two remnants of the formerly extensive habitat, there is much interest in the local community and at academic and scientific institutions in preserving the area and acquiring adjacent habitat currently used for gas and oil extraction that can be restored to marsh habitat.
F	Areas that would provide for the preservation of relatively undisturbed examples of the original natural biotic communities in Los Angeles County.	Yes	The Madrona Marsh is a remnant of the freshwater marsh once prevalent in this area of Los Angeles County, and it is important to recognize protection of the habitat.